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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ESTATE OF SANDRA DE FORREST

Defendant.

Case No. 2:17-cv-3048-GWN-DJA

**JOINT MOTION TO VACATE AND
RESET PRETRIAL ORDER
DEADLINE**

The United States of America and Defendant Estate of Sandra De Forrest (“the parties”), by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby move the Court to vacate and reset the deadline to submit a proposed pretrial order in this case for at least 60 days. For the reasons set forth below, the parties submit that good cause exists for such action.

1. On January 13, 2020, the Defendant submitted a settlement offer to the United States. Due to the amount at issue in this case, that settlement offer must be reviewed by senior Department of Justice and IRS officials.

1 2. On May 31, 2020, while Defendant's settlement offer was still under
2 consideration by the Department, this Court ordered the parties to submit a proposed pretrial
3 order by June 30, 2020. Dkt. # 52.

4 3. On June 12, 2020, after further settlement discussions between the parties, the
5 Defendant submitted a revised formal settlement offer to the United States. Due to the amount at
6 issue in this case, that settlement offer must be reviewed by senior Department of Justice and
7 IRS officials prior to being accepted by the Department. That review will not be completed by
8 June 30, 2020.

9 4. Granting this motion would permit the parties to attempt to resolve this case
10 without further litigation expense, thereby conserving the resources of the parties and the Court.

11 5. Granting the motion will not impact any other deadline in this case. Therefore,
12 this requested extension will not prejudice the timely, orderly, efficient resolution of this case.

13 WHEREFORE, the parties hereby move the Court to vacate the deadline to submit a
14 proposed pretrial order and reset it to a date no sooner than 60 days from the date of such action.
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1 Dated: June 26, 2020.

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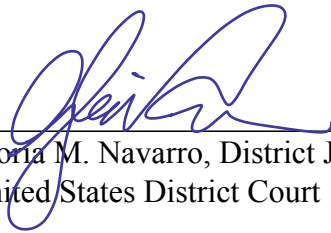
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18 **ORDER**

19 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the above Joint Motion to Vacate and Reset Pretrial
20 Order Deadline, (ECF No. 53), is **GRANTED**. The parties shall submit a proposed joint pretrial
21 order by August 31, 2020.

22 **DATED** this 1 day of July, 2020.

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24 Gloria M. Navarro, District Judge
United States District Court